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WASHINGTON, SATURDAY, MARCH 27.

The Innocence of John Bull. Some of our esteemed contemporaries are

disposed to laugh at a presumed ignorance displayed by the British press in finding fault with the Senate of the United States for destring to protect its prerogative of initiation in treaty matters. They are at pains to state to newspapers on the other side that constitutional conditions differ in the two countries. They explain with patient cure that, whereas a British ministry has the absolute power to dictate and direct a foreign policy, and to make treaties without recourse to Parliament. in this country the Senate is the same treaty-making power. So that, to make matters even, if the British prime minister of the day can say what subjects his government wants or does not want to be submitted for arbitration, under a general treaty covering that sort of thing, the corresponding American power, which is the Senate, ought to have the like privi-

time and type in offering these gratuitous the Arlington will be taxed for a while knew all about the facts long ago. If it had not been considered convenient and desirable to take the treaty-making and war-declaring powers out of the hands of the Senate, as to all questions likely to arise between the United States and England, we should have heard nothing of this Olnes-Pauncefote project

It is not difficult to see, on the other hand, that a general treaty which would Seprive the Senate of those powers, might become a grost useful instrument to Great Britain if the American end of it could be played by such an Executive as Cleveland and such a Secretary of State as O'ney.

Journals in this country which hold out the idea that the arbitration treaty is an excellent thing and that Lord Salisbury and his countrymen are ignorant, or unappreciative of our constitutional arrangements or protections, manifestly need a little primary education.

The Lion and the Bear.

The lack of polarity between the ideas and motives of England and Russia, in connection with the Cretan and Grecian questions, was illustrated in the foreign dispatenes of vesterday afternoon. From these it unpeared that Great Britain was willing to consent to the blockade of Greece, in the event that King George should refuse to accede to the proposition for a neutral zone to be established between the Greek and Turkish forces on the fratition. It also was stated that Russia apposed the formation of the neutra, rone, and insisted that the coer cion of Greece should begin without fur

available reserves and the feverish war preparations in Greece mean anything, there is not likely to be any neutral zone; and if the friction between Great Britain and Russia continues much longer there will be nothing much better than a belt of flame between them one of these year days.

Queen Victoria to Visit Mr. Astor. There is a superstition among the Eng-

hole peasants that it is bad lock for the queen to visit a subject. Some sort of exit desciny will, it is said, overtake the subject before very long But Mr. William Wolderf Aster is not a subject of the queen, therefore let us congratulate him Mr. Astor will receive in this visit : distinction which has never been conferred upon any of his countrymen. It is probable that his magnificent collection of roses has something to do with this gracionsness on the part of her majesty as she is possionately fond of flowers. and now and then does little unconventional things, led on by this fondness. that she would not otherwise consider But the greater reason is the interest which Mr. Astor has shown in the famine-stricken people of India, and in two or three other harities in which the queen is interested. His liberality is of that variety which we are accostomed to call princely, but which, in England, is beginning to be called American. If he were an Englishman his reward would probably be a title, but as he is not one, and has shown no desire to take out naturalization papers, that mark of approval is impossible. So she will make him a personal visit.

Cliveden, on the Thomes, is one of the most beautiful country seats in England. Her malesty will drive there in her carriage, and on alighting will be received by Mr. Astor and his daughter, who has not yet been presented at court, and will thus have the unique experience of meeting the queen informally nearly a year before she becomes a debutante. Astor will then offer his arm to the queen and lead her to the drawing-room, which is on the ground floor, so that no stairs need be climbed. There afternoon teataking of the meal unless specially inrited by her. If there are children in the family she always desires to see them. She will also request the names of any visitors who may be staying in the house; and if she desires, they may be introduced. 'That is the etiquette of the whole

Mr. Astor receives an bonor in this Perdinand Rothschild, has been restricted sibly he will consider it the greatest triumph of his life, very possibly not. so very large a proportion of the population,

But it is an honor which, in the eyes of his English friends and neighbors, should doubtless cause him to be almost overcome with pride and happiness.

The Railroads and the Law. Ex-Senator Edmunds, who, as chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, drew the anti-trust law, is quoted as declaring that the measure unquestionably contemplated railways as well as other corporations or combinations that might enterinte conspiracies in restraint of trade. This will not be agreeable news to the railway interest, which, indeed, seems to be rather paratyzed in consequence of the recent Su

preme Court decision. One of our New York contemporaries declares that if railway managers and other responsible officials could be depended upon to keep engagements entered into be tween independent lines and systems, the professional situation would not be as gloomy as it is. It is asserted that the cannot be trusted to keep faith with one another, except under such fines and penal ties as the pooling system made possible, and which cannot be inflicted in the ab-

sence of the same.

As The Times has suggested they would, it new appears that the rail ways are preparing for a vigorous legislative movement in the Congress for relief. It is quite natural that they should wish to have an exception made in their favor. They do not represent the absolute power over deiberative bodies that once they enjoyed: but still their influence is respectable, be cause it represents the dominating, nation owning power of their proprietary, which, as everybody knows, is composed of the foreign bond syndicate, a few millionaires and a number of Eastern banking cliques They will, therefore, be kindly received in the House, and perhaps get the privilege of the floor in the Senate, whilethe cultuary and vinous facilities of Chamberlin's and to supply force to argument. In the end they will secure what they require, beyon-

nauch doubt We suggest to all the parties affected by the decision that they take un this view of the situation jointly. A combined affact on the Congress might be just as cheap and more effective than segregated effort. And, besides all that, Senators and Members, as well as the highest udicial officers, all feel the force of that earlier decision; older than the Black stone formation in the geology of jurisprudence: "What is sauce for the goose serveth for the gander."

More Trouble in South Africa.

Readers of this journal will have noticed the apparent retirement of the German government from active participation in the Graeco-Cretan movements during the past two weeks. When, about that long ago, the kniser was reported to say that the matter was not of immediate importance enough to engage the services of his military or naval arms, The Times suggested that he might be waiting for the entanglements of Great Britain to become serious enough to justify him in a little political excursion into South Africa on his own account

The complications referred to now anpear to have grown sufficient in force to make him feel like doing something and a Berlin dispatch asserts that preparations are being made to send three thou sand troops to Southwest Africa in April. That would be a small force, indeed, but at the last moment it might be discovered that it was in reality much larger, and in fact large enough to re-enforce the Boers adequately to meet the twenty-five thousam) British soldiers that Lord Wolseley considers sufficient for a walk-over in

the Transvaul While these things are developing in Europe matters in the African Dutch republic are not as smooth as might be wished. President Kruger, having won tree hand by the suppression of his rupreme court, has taken further steps in the direction of a personal dictatorship. He has exterminated the Johannesburg fournals published in the interests of the 'uitlanders," and now there is not a venicle of public optnion in the country that can be used to protest against or in any

way embarrass his policy or actions. In consequence of these manifestations it is said that the British colonial sceretary, the Rt. Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, has addressed the strongest kind of a note to President Kruger, reminding him of treat; violations, and demanding immediate meas

ures of reform British impatience to secure a prompt newer to that note will no doubt be mphasized by the report of the intended German expedition, and we are not familiar with British methods if the red coats do not manage to reach the Transvaal frontier before the boys in blue who wear the attractive cockade of the Fatherland.

Mr. Gladstone on a Wheel.

In the midst of all the trouble about Crete and other countries in which Eng land is more or less interested, it is a pleasure to learn that the Rt. Hon. Willlam E. Gladstone has found time to learn to ride the bicycle. This new departure is characteristic of Mr. Gladstone, He never did allow himself to be flurried and worried by state affairs, and always had time to go out and chop down a tree, or engage in a Homeric controversy, or in a playful war of words with a Catholic archhistop on theological subjects. This doubtless, is one reason why, at his great age, he is so wonderfully active and well preserved. He has driven his work, in stead of letting his work drive him.

He now says that he has mastered the bicycle. He writes this news to a friend, will be served, no one but the queen par- in the full flush of victory; and if there is any flush of victory more satisfying than that which glows on the check of the new-made bicyclist, we should like to know what it is. Mr. Gladstone doubtless feels now as if he could do anything; just anything, no matter what it is. He would ride out on his blevele, with his as, and lead the English troops to victory himself, if there were any need of doing it. The visit which, except in the case of Baron | bicycle knows no age, no sex, no distinctions of race or of rank. Its votaries are to the highest nobles of the realm. Pos- all on a sort of Democratic level. In a city like Washington, where the wheelmen are

there should be sympathy for Mr. Glad stone in his victory over the silent and erratic steed. Now we can feel that he is truly one of us; and all his great powers of eloquence can now be turned to good account in telling how he came to ride a certain make, and what is the best way to mend a punctured tire, and the eminent propriety of keeping the highway clear of tacks and broken bottles. Homer will be nowhere as an inspiration when it comes to the bicycle eloquence of the Grand Old Man of England, Scotland, and Ireland

A Tax on Bicycles.

There has been talk out in Chicago of a tax on bicycles. The proposition is pending in the city council there now There has been more or less talk of i in other parts of the country. Washington, as a bicycle town, should hasten to register an opinion on the subject.

The idea of a wheel tax is to provide money for remaining the streets. It is argued that wheels-some wheels-wear out the asphalt; therefore the person owning the wheel or wheels should help to pay for the pavement. Of course the wheel is useful in a man's business, but that is no reason why it should be taxed. It is also ar instrument of a good time, of many good times, but so is a football, or a pair of skates. In fact, a bicycle is analogous to a pair of skates in several ways. Its scope is more extended, and its cost many times greater, but its use is very

The wheelman doesn't built the pavement The soft and springy pneumatic tire does not make any deats or knock off any chips Sometimes, while he is learning, it seems to the rider that he must damage the ground by the force with which he lands m it, but that is more imagination than anything else. He finds on his arising that there is no crack in the asphalt where he struck it, not even a dent, unless it is a very, very warm day. He does not hurt the payement or wear it out half so much as if he walked on it, and nobody has yet proposed taxing shoe-leather.

Don't interfere with the blevele

One would have supposed that the paricular personal Presidential plum called the London consulate general, might have seen allowed to escape the wave of reform, but it is not so. General Osborne tiscovers that the fees are not what they were cracked up to be. Still we doubt if there is anything "equally as good."

The British government having gracefully arrendered the log of the Mayflower to the people of Massachusetts, it is now in rder for the latter to be equally courteous and to settle for that ten they spilled in

No opposition should be made to the proposition to appropriate money to send ontributed cargoes of grain to the famine sufferers in India. After that has been done, it might not be a bad idea to renember the thousands near by in Cuba who are suffering for medicines.

It would be uncharitable to believe that the ex-President deliberately packed up state papers and sent them to Princeton with a carload of other matters from the White House, Might it not hoppen that they were carelessly left in drawers, lockers, cabinets, brokenses and things that may have gone to Princeton without be ing emptied?

President McKinley's Administration appears to be on the point of doing some thing in the Hawaiian matter, and it is about time. A very slight bint to the Congress, we think would bring a joint reso lution, and after that the Executive signs

MCKINLEY WILL BE PRESENT.

Intends to Speak at the Grant Me marial Celebration.

New York Starch 26 Gen Harace Par er, who has charge of the arrangements in connection with the Grant memorial elebration, stated today that President McKinley had given assurances that he would be present April 27, the day set for the dedication of the monument, with out fail, and deliver an address.

Gen. Grenville M. Dodge, grand marsha parade, also received a telegran from Adit. Gen. Tillinghast, stating that e entire National Guard of the State, about 13,000 men, would be ordered out

Gentry's Friends Can See Him.

Harrisburg, Pa., March 26.-Gov. Hastags has approved the bill amending the act of 1835, so as to permit visitors to see convicts confined in prison. It is an act growing out of the Gentry case, in Philadelphia, and is intended to allow the octor's friends to see him before his execution, the date for which is fixed

An Appeal Taken at Once.

New York, March 26.-District Attorney Mac Farlane said today that the appeal directed by Attorney General McKenna from the decision of the New York circuit court of appeals in the Joint Traffic Association case, would be made at once

Convicted of Murder.

Norfolk, Va., March 26.-A special from Newberne, N. C., says that Charles Bobo, who murdered James Washington on the mee track, during the February races, wa found guilty or nurder in the first de-May 14.

Scranton, Pa., March 26. - The East Gernan Methodist Episcopal conference, in session here, today voted against the admission of women as delegates to the The vote was 44 general conference.

against to 2 in favor of the proposition

Want No Women Delegates,

An Alderman's Sudden Death. Pittsburg, Pa., March 26,-Alderman M. Rafferty, of the Sixth ward, was found dead in bed today. The cause of his sud-He was at his work in the city assessor's office yesterday, apparently in usual health

A Political Suspect Released. Havana, March 26.-Caesar Esquerio Montero, who was born at Key West, was arrested here two weeks ago as a political

suspect. He was released unconditionally

today, but will return to Key West soon Catholic Priest Drops Dead. Philadelphia, March 26.-Rev. Joseph M. Murphy, aged fifty years, a Catholic clergy man, and pastor of St Anne's Church Holly Beach, N. J., was found dead this morning in a room at Keating's Hotel, in

CAPITOL NEWS AND GOSSIP.

Senator Mason of Illinois was formerly to the White House he happened to meet a number of old Iowa friends in the President's ante-room. Considerable goodnatured chaffing followed. The Iowa men insisted that Mason was the third Schator from Iowa. One of them said: "You're a great deal bigger man in every way, isily, than you used to be when you lived out

"Do you mean in girth?" inquired the

"Yes, girth and other things." "Why, didn't you know that I falling off in size." "Are you? How do you do it."

"The wheel." "But you don't ride do you, Senator?"
"Ride? Certainly not. I dodge. And that is what keeps me thin."

A Pennsylvania man landed a secretarythip of legation, yesterday, but the Pulla delphia patriot with the stately name of Charlemagne Tower is in a bad way. He started out after a first-class embarsy, but has gradually dropped until now he is a candidate for consul general at Athens. His chances of securing this place are by no means flattering. In fact, Boss Quay and his understudy. Boies Penrose, are not having much tuck in placing their constituents in federal office. The President seems likely to favor the New York boss and to frown on his Pennsylvinia asociate. Leftage the senior Senator from Pennsylvania may have to revise his opinion of President McKioley, and put him on the Harrison list. It will be remembered that although Senator Quay won the victory of 1889, and held what he had won with a mailed hand' he was never in avor at the Executive Mansion, and ha a great and abiding dislike for ex-Presial Harrison. This is so marked that his brief autobiography in the Congres sional Record invites attention to the fact in the following terse language.

"Conducted the successful Presidentia campaign of 1888; was a delegate to the Republican national convention of 1892 and voted against the renomination of Ben-

Senator Quay's opinion of the only liv ing Republican ex-President is quite on par with the late Roscae Conkling's feel ings toward that "contemptible limit or the hill." Gov. A. B. Cornell, or Zach Chandler's opinion of Hayes, the man be had done so much to elect or, rather, to Chandler used to say that he could not

trust himself to express his opinion of Hayes unless he went away back in the narshes of his big farm, with the wind blowing away from the nearest meeting-

Mr. John H. Evans has not been displaced as clerk of the document room, under Major McDowell. A misapprehension arose from the fact that there are two places on the Housesede known as document rooms One is under the doorkeeper, the other undertheclerk, it was Mr. D. E. Atward, of the doorkeeper's room, who was succeeded by Mr. C. H. Pierce. Mr. Alward is slated for an appointment as a reading clerk.

Mr. A. H. Reed, who has been superin endent of the House folding-room, is being pressed by his friends for a good position.

Some members of the House are being othered by earlier editions of the Dingley ill. One of them called on Mr. Dingley esterday for an explanation as to what was meant by the bill numbered 27, which appeared to be the same as that being sidered, and bears Mr. Dingley's name It was explained to him that No he bill as originally offered by Mr. Dingley. It was referred to the come printed as No. 379, under date of March 8, but not even this is the bill which th House is discussing. The bill reported is under date of March 19, and bears the mark (Report No. 1.) It was stated on the floor yesterday that this was the only correct edition.

While the sittings of the House run from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m. under the special rule, the time can be prolonged by unanimous present. It was nearly ten minutes be ond the hour when Mr. Dingley moved en adjournment vesterday.

Speaker Reed is having a great rest | during the consideration of the briff bill | Key West Excited Over Alleged De-Mr. Shernan is in the chair and the peaker is rarely on the floor. He has ime to meet friends as well as persons sterested to public matters. It is probable, also, that he is giving considerable attention to making up his committees

WANTED TO BE RECORDER.

A Candidate for Taylor's Plac Robbed City and Men.

Baltimore, Md., March 26 - Mayor Hooper day removed from office Dr. George Wellington Bryant, colored, superintendent of the middle district of the street cleaning separtment. Bryant confessed that he had vsteructically robbed both the city and the men in his employ.

The amount of his shortage is not yet nown, but it is estimated that the city will tenmorily lose about \$2,000. seventy-five colored men who constitute the middle district street cleaning brigad are believed to have lost between \$2,500 and \$3,000.

Bryant has long been prominent in Republican political circles, and during the the Republican ticket. He was an applicant for the position of Recorder of Deeds for the District of Columbia under President

Cash Register Company Sees. Columbus, Ohio, March 26 .- The Na tional Cash Register Company, of Dayton, Ohlo, brought suit in the Federal court here today against the Hallwood Cash Register Company and the New Columbus Watch Company, which also makes cash registers, claiming infringement and asking for an injunction against them, and for an accounting of the profits from the machines already made.

Sandbagger's Victim Dead. Chicago, March 26 - B. L. Garber, the

traveling salesman from Belleville, Obio, cho was found unconscious in an alley Wednesday night, with a bullet hole in his head and deep cuts in his forehead, died this morning in the hospital without regaining consciousness.

Quarrel Results Fatally to Two Plymouth, Ind., March 26.- As the result of an old quarrel between Jacob Leeds and Binenard Thomas, at La Platz, last night, Thomas was shot and instantly filled by Leeds, after the latter had be fatafly cut by a knife in the hands of

Cleveland Nall Workers' Str ke. Cleveland, Obio, March 26. - The H. P. Nail Company's works were closed today. 400 men, including all the natimakers and heir belpers, having struck. The men de mand an increase of 15 per cent, and the company offers to grant a 10 percentralse Secretary Bishop, of the State board of ne-bitration, has been summoned.

Killed Husband and Wife. Columbia, S. C., March 26 -A sawmill boiler at Harsville exploded today, killing

ENDEAVORERS MAY REJOICE.

Possibility of a Big Bate Cut to San Francisco.

Chicago, Ill., March 26 .- A conference of the legal representatives of Chicago railroads was held today in the office of George R. Peck, general counsel of the Chicago, Milwaokee and St. Paul road. B. F. Aver, general counsel for the lilinois Central Company, presided, and there was portant lines west, south and north of

The conference was called on account of the Supreme Court's decision adverse to railroad traffic associations.

The Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific and the Sioux City and Northern sent notices of withdrawal today from all traffic associations. The Western Freight Association has practically ceased to exist, many employes have already been discharged for lack of work to do and those of a higher grade are seeking positions else where.

The disagreement of transcontinental roads as to the payment of commissions is reported to have already led to independ ent action on the part of the Union Pacific. which may be the beginning of a serious rate trouble in the absence of the Trans-Continental Association agreement, except

The Supreme Court's decision has had the effect of abrogating the agreement of the Trans-Continental Passenger Association to pool the business for the Christian Endeavor convention to be held in San Francisco next July, and there is danger now of a free-for-all bid for the business of each line, which might bring rates from

DYNAMITE PLOT UP AGAIN.

Leaders in the House of Comm Re-discuss It.

London, March 26. - The House of Comnous today detated the votes for the home office. In the course of the discussion Mr. Michael Davitt, the well-known Irish lead er, declared that members of the secret service plotted the recent dynamite scare, the prosecution of Edward J. Ivory for complicity in which alleged plot, resulting complete flasco. Mr. Davitt added that the purposes of the secret service in riginating the scare were to make an official reclame.

Sir Robert Finlay, solicitor general, demed Mr. Davitt's statements, adding that the prosecution of Ivory had collapsed solely

Sir Mathew White Ridley, the house secredence of the existence of the plot. If Ivory, Typan and the other conspirators had no been arrested great damage to life and property would have been done in Great Britain. James C. Flyfin, anti-Parnellite, moved

a reduction of the vote owing to the prose cution of Ivory This was reijected by a vote of 107 to 50.

CONVICTION OF DR. LUIS.

lose of the Famous Filibustering Expedition Case.

re, Md., March 26 - The jury in the case of Dr. Joseph J. Luis, who has been three days on the charge of having conspired with Gen. Carlos Roloff to filibustering expedition to Cuba in July, 1895, on the steamship James Woodall, returned a verdict of guilty at moon today. A motion for a new trial was at open or

The Jury labored with the case twenty viction and four for acquittal. During the or acquittal were won over to the other his position until almost noon today. Sentence was suspended until after the hearing of the motion on Monday The penalty is a fine not exceeding \$3,000

years. and jointly indicted with him in New York, forfeited buil, and is still missing It is not known whather he is in hiding

Cultra FILIBUSTERING RUMORS.

Key West, Fla., March 26. - The city is all of remors of an expedition. The city f Key West reports seeing a large steam tug anchored near Bahia Honda, twenty niles from here. Yesterday a large steamer passed through the harbor, going out through the northwest channel. It is reported that she came to locate the United States revenue cutters and get them putsue her and thus throw them off the scent.

The steam tug George W. Childs took on a large quantity of coal, and left the barba to the northwest. It is stated that the oal was intended for a flifsbustering steamer, that did not come into the harbor. The cutter Winona left this morn me for Pabia Honda. It is stated also that ien and arms were on the keys north of here all ready for shipments.

HAS ANOTHER BRIDE IN VIEW. Mr. Terry Sceking a Divorce

Parislan Courts.

Paris, March 26.-The divorce case of Antonio Terry against his wife has been postponed until after the Easter vacation f the court. Mr. Terry, though he is an American citizen, is one of the sons and heirs of the late Don Tomas Terry, who was one of the richest men in Cuba. share of his father's estate was in the neighborhood of \$5,000,000.

It is said that Mr. Terry is enamored of Miss Sibyl Sanderson, a well-known American singer, and that he will marry her if he is successful in obtaining his divorce Miss Sanderson is at present singing in St Petersburg, and report has it that Mr Terry is also in that city.

Great Activity on the C. & O. Richmond, Va., March 26.-Every engine owned by the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Company is now busy, and immense of freight are being handled. It is said that in the course of a very few days the company will put on a number of new men over its entire line

A Wrecked Vessel Sighted. Vineyard Haven, Mass., March 26 - The r R. Bowers, from Savannah, Ga.,

reports that on March 10, wifen off Charles n, she passed the hull of a wrecked ves sel and tater sailed through a quantity Smallnox Frightens Legislators.

Frankfort, Ky., March 26.-It is rumored that the penitentiary hospital is full of smallpox patients. The prison physicians say it is only forty cases of measles; but the legislators are badly frightened.

Senator T. C. Platt Injured. Senator Platt, of New York, started to enter the Senate chamber yesterday after-noon, from the Marble Room corridor, and just as he placed his hand on one of the glass swinging doors a page from the inoutward with great force, and struck Mr Platt over the left eye. The skin was broken and the wound bled profusely for Engineer Adam Cart's and his wife, who a moment. The result was a painful bruise had brought him his dinner. The nell was that disfigured the forebead of the New York statesman for a short time.

THE DEMOCRATIC CLUBS.

President Black Announces the New

Executive Committee. President Chauncey F. Black has just an counced the completion of the executive committee of the National Association of Democratic Clubs, which will serve until the convention of Democratic clubs in

1900, as follows: Penton McMillin, Tennessee; George II Lombert, New Jersey; E. Chambers Smith North Carolina; C. C. Richards, Etah; John R. McLean, Ohio; E. B. Howell, Georgia; H. D. Money, Mississippi; James C. Dahlman, Nebraska; Stephen M. White, Califormia; Edward Murphy, jr., New York; Lloyd L. Jackson, Maryland; John L. Mitchell, Wisconsin; Charles J. Faulkner, West Virginia: William J. Stone, Missouri George Pred. Williams, Massachusetts; J. S. Hogg, Texas; J. C. Sibley, Pennsylvania.

This committee is undoubtedly a strong one, some of the names indicating unusua aggressiveness on thoroughly Democratic lines. Each of the gentlemen named on this committee gave loyal support to the candidates and platform of the party in the last Presidential campaign, therefore it is to be presumed that they can be depended upon in the future, thereby making this committee in great contrast with majority of members who not only contributed money, but worked to bring defeat to the party, which had honored them. Among these were William L. Wilson, Henry Watterson, Hon. M. Dickinson, and John C. Black.

The selection of the new committee has een very deliberative. Instead of naming the committee in the midst of it campaign of last year President Black pursued the unusual course of going on with the work of the association without s committee in complete bramony with his and the party. Since this committee holds for four years, and practically controls the vast system of regular Democratic clubs the most efficient means of popu lar agitation now available—it is supp that the delay was occasioned by a desirto shape the organization to meet after election and inauguration events, and as he Administration and the Repul in Congress have thrown down the gauge, this is the Democratic method of taking it up.

But very little of the old committees vives in the new one, the former, of which Hon. William L. Wilson was chairman, and several distinguished gentlemen in close clationship with the outgoing Admini tration members, having been organized to meet the tariff-reform issue. The com-mittee just announced is not less orthodox ipon that issue, but is equally orthodox up on the currency question.

President Black has issued a call for the committee to meet at the Ebbitt House on Monday, the 12th of April, for organiza best to be adopted looking to an aggres sive campaign from that day on.

As Mr. Bryan will be in Washington that day, preceding the Jeffersonian dinner at the Metropolitan, on the 13th, it is prob-able he will be invited to attend the meet ing of the executive committee. He is to be the guest of the officers of the asoscia tion while in Washington, and will be the principal speaker at the dinner, responding o the first toast-"Thomas Jefferson-We celebrate the anniversary of his tirth not in the spirit of idolatry, but from regard and reverence for his political principles."

The office of the National Association of Democratic Clubs is located in the Hutchins building, this city.

Following is the call issued for the elebration of Jefferson's birthday.

Washington, D. C., March 26, 1897. "Since the organization of the Na nal Association of Democratic Clubs i has been the constant endeavor of its iccessive officers and of the executive consultee to secure the general regular annual observance of the birthday of homes Jefferson, the author of the Declaration of Independence, and the the Democratic party Democratic clubs of the United States, in such manner as by each of them may be deemed appropriate.

"It has at length become the custom of these organizations almost as regular as ce of the happy day in the history of mankind upon which that man was born, whose influence has contributed more than that of any other toward the liberation of the human race from personal and political slavery, and toward th restoration in all parts of the civilized world of the natural rights of man. that day of last year, at a time when the corneils of the party founded by him were distracted by ambitious and wiffsh counsels, and when the great and essential prin ciple of the right of a mighty majority to role in convention was boldly denied, many representatives of the party were a sembled under the auspices of this as sociation at the tomb of this our great apostle of Democracy, there to renew their bith in his immortal doctrines, and t ignin their loyalty to the party and to one another. Had the soc reding notional convention met in a sike spirit, had none fallen away from the undamental principle of Democracy solute acquiescence in the decisions of the na tority' - a noble disciple of Thomas Jefferson would have unquestionably been sworn as President of the United States on

"In 1830, but shortly after the death peril to both party and country, when the principle of 'absolute acquiescence in the decisions of the majority' was ominously drawn in question, the greatest Democrats of that day resolved upon a celebration of his birthday, which should bring forward his patriotic teaching and example in a manuer the most impressive. A subscription the Indian Queen Tayern, at which were present the President and Vice-President of the United States, with many distin-guished leaders of the Democratic party et that time, in and out of Congress. It was then and there that Andrew Jackson colunteered the decisive toast, 'The Federal Union: it must be preserved." Of that historic dinner it is almost impossible to measure the influence, but it left no room to doubt the attitude of the Demcratic party upon the vital questions then pending, and Jackson, as Jeffersonian as lefferson biniself, continued to lead it

forward, unbroken and triumphant. "Again this year of 1897, while I ease cratic organizations throughout the Union re honoring the day after their own pleasure in their several localities, there enble at a similar dinner upon th same site -that of the Indian Queen Taxern in the city of Washington-'a numerous company' of Democrats to celebrate Mr. Jefferson's birthday in the same spirit and for the same purpose as did their glorious foregoers, Jackson, Benton and their associates. The dinner will be arranged by the executive committee of this intion, and William Jennings Brann of Nebraska, will be its guest.

"Each Democratic society in the United States is respectfully asked to Join the National Association of Democratic Clabs in this relebration of the 15-th birthday of Thomas Jefferson in such manner and by such ceremorties as may to each of them he most agreeable and convenient

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